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SUBJECT: TELTOW CANAL IN BERLIN

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1. AT A MEETING OF THE ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS
JULY 20, THE FRENCH REP (RICHARD) SAID THAT WE
SHOULD BEGIN SOON TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE
LEGAL MODALITIES OF THE TELTOW CANAL IN ORDER TO
ANSWER THE FRG REQUEST, MADE TO THE BONN GROUP, FOR
AN ALLIED VIEW ON THEM. THE US REP SAID THAT

THIS SEEMED TO BE, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, A QUESTION
FOR THE MISSIONS IN BERLIN AND THE SENAT.

HOWEVER, RICHARD WAS INSISTENT THAT
THE BONN GROUP HAS TO CONSIDER THE MATTER SINCE THE
FRG HAD RAISED THE MATTER IN THE BONN GROUP AND
WOULD REQUIRE AN ANSWER IN EARLY AUGUST. THE US
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REP WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN THE AGREEMENT OF RICHARD AND
THE UK LEGAL ADVISER (EATON) THAT THE THREE EMBASSIES
WILL ASK THE MISSIONS TO CONSIDER THE MATTER.
HOWEVER, WE EXPECT THE MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH
THE FRG IN THE BONN GROUP ON JULY 21.

2. ACCORDING TO RICHARD, THE THREE QUESTIONS WHICH

NEED TO BE CONSIDERED ARE:

- A) HOW TO ENSURE THAT THE CANAL IS INCLUDED IN THE TRANSIT TRAFFIC AGREEMENT (TTA) REGIME.
- B) WHAT TYPE OF MANDATE SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SENAT.
- C) WHETHER THE FRG/GDR COVER FOR SENAT/GDR DISCUSSIONS IS SUFFICIENT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS ANOTHER OF THE ISSUES WHICH COME TO THE BONN GROUP WITHOUT HAVING BEEN THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED IN BERLIN. WE REGRET THIS FACT BUT, IN VIEW OF CURRENT FRENCH AND BRITISH PRACTICE AS WELL AS THE FRG PRACTICE OF RAISING QUESTIONS IN THE BONN GROUP WITHOUT A PARALLEL SENAT APPROACH HAVING BEEN MADE TO THE MISSIONS, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PREVENT IT.
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